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SUBJECT: BELGIUM WILL DEPOSIT NPT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION

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SUMMARY: BELGIUM IS COORDINATING WITH ITS EURIPEAN PARTNERS TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION FOR NPT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THEM AND IS CONFIDENT IT WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO PRIOR TO NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INFORMED US THEY WERE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY ITALIAN SENATE RATIFICATION OF NPT (REFTEL A), WHICH CONVINCED THEM THEY HAD PURSUED CORRECT POLICY IN NOT BREAKING RANKS OF EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY (REFTEL C). THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ACT IN COMMON WITH THEIR EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, AND REPORTED THAT THEY ARE READY TO DO SO AT ANY TIME OTHERS ARE PREPARED (REFTEL B). THEY TOLD US THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITH THEIR PARTNERS TO THIS END. BUT THAT THE ITALIANS STILL HAD TECHNICAL STEPS TO CONCLUDE BEFORE THEY WOULD BE READY. BELGIANS NOTED THAT THE WEST GERMANS WERE PREPARED TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON, BUT THAT THEY WOULD NOT DO SO IN MOSCOW. ALL OTHERS WILL DEPOSIT IN THREE DEPOSITORY CAPITALS.

2. BELGIANS ARE CONFIDENT THAT ALL WILL COORDINATE THEIR ACTIONS IN TIME IN ORDER TO PERMIT THEM TO PARTICIPATE AS FULL MEMBERS IN NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. FIRESTONE

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